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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

I, Tadayuki SUZUKI, declare as follows:

I am one of the co-inventors of the invention as claimed and described in the instant patent application. I have carried out additional tests, procedures and results of which are described below.

Additional examples and comparative examples were carried out in the same way as Example 2 of the instant patent application except for the effective components and their concentrations as shown in Table 24 and 25, hereto attached. Test results are shown in Table 24 and 25. It is noted that the combination of (A) with (C) or (F) according to the claimed invention is superior to otherwise.

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Table 24 and 25 hereto attached

Table 24

	Plant hormone (C)	Surfactant (A)	The number of days for the flowers being preserved		
			chrysanthemum	carnation	rose
Inventive product	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Decyl polyglucoside 1ppm	11	11	10
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Decyl polyglucoside 10ppm	12	12	12
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Decyl polyglucoside 100ppm	11	12	12
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sucrose fatty acid ester 1ppm	11	11	10
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sucrose fatty acid ester 10ppm	12	12	10
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sucrose fatty acid ester 100ppm	11	10	9
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 1ppm	11	11	11
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	12	12	11
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 100ppm	11	11	9
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sugar-based fatty acid amide 1ppm	10	9	9
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sugar-based fatty acid amide 10ppm	10	10	10
	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm	Sugar-based fatty acid amide 100ppm	11	10	10
	Kinetin 1ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	9	9	8
	2,4-D 10ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	8	8	8
	Tap water		5	5	3
	Chrysal 2%		7	7	5
Comparative product	Gibberellin(GA3) 1ppm		4	4	3
	Kinetin 1ppm		4	4	3
	2,4-D 10ppm		3	3	3
		Decyl polyglucoside 10ppm	5	5	4
		Sucrose fatty acid ester 10ppm	5	5	4
		Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	5	5	4
		Sugar-based fatty acid amide 10ppm	5	4	4

Table 25

	Germicide, fungicide and preservative (F)	Surfactant (A)	The number of days for the flowers being preserved		
			chrysanthemum	camellia	rose
Inventive product	Proxel 200ppm	Decyl polyglucoside 1ppm	9	9	8
	Proxel 200ppm	Decyl polyglucoside 10ppm	10	10	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Decyl polyglucoside 100ppm	10	10	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sucrose fatty acid ester 1ppm	9	9	8
	Proxel 200ppm	Sucrose fatty acid ester 10ppm	10	10	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sucrose fatty acid ester 100ppm	9	9	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 1ppm	10	10	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	11	10	10
	Proxel 200ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 100ppm	10	10	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sugar-based fatty acid amide 1ppm	10	9	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sugar-based fatty acid amide 10ppm	10	10	9
	Proxel 200ppm	Sugar-based fatty acid amide 100ppm	11	10	10
	8-hydroxyquinoline 500ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	9	10	9
	Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride 5ppm	Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	8	8	8
	Tap water		5	5	3
	Chrysal 2%		7	7	5
	Proxel 200ppm		5	4	4
Comparative product	8-hydroxyquinoline 500ppm		4	4	3
	Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride 5ppm		4	4	3
		Decyl polyglucoside 10ppm	5	5	4
		Sucrose fatty acid ester 10ppm	5	5	4
		Sorbitan fatty acid ester 10ppm	5	5	4
		Sugar-based fatty acid amide 10ppm	5	4	4